

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 have been amended to correct the informalities in the original claims and to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Claim 1 is amended to remove the ambiguity in the nature of the original claim. Amended Claim 1 is not a method claim. It recites "organic selenium compounds" and lists these compounds. The word "specific" has been removed.

Claim 2 is amended to remove the ambiguity in the original claim. Amended Claim 2 recites a method consisting of steps leading to the obtainment of the enrichment concentrate of claim 1 and the individual selenium compounds therein. The text now conveys that a solvent or solvent mixture used to modify supercritical carbon dioxide is comprised of ethanol, ethyl acetate or water. The phrase "including but not limited to" appearing in the original claim has been removed and the recitation of the claim now reflects that the separation method for organic selenium compounds claimed in the invention, is preparative high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) followed by reconstitution.

Claim 3 is amended to correct the capitalization of the names of selenoamino acids. The phrases "such as" and "related compounds" appearing in the original claim 3 have now been removed to clearly define the subject matter. The recitation "the organic compounds of claim 1" appearing in the original claim is amended as "the organic selenium compounds of claim 1", amended claim 1 being no longer a method claim.

Claim 4 is amended to reflect that it is not a method claim. Amended claim 4 recites a composition consisting of natural garlic powder containing the "organic selenium compounds" of amended claim 3. Amended claim 3 lists the organic selenium compounds used in the composition.

Claims 5-10 now refer to the composition of amended claim 4 and have been amended to clarify that they recite the use of the composition of claim 4.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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